

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on 10/03/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Holloway on December 13, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

2. Claim 1. 'the periodic signals resulting in periodic sync markers in the timing trace streams and in the program counter trace stream.' should be 'the periodic signals resulting in periodic sync markers in the timing trace streams and in the program counter trace stream,'
3. Claim 3. 'the host processing unit reconstructing the the program code execution of the processing unit from the trace streams' should be 'the host processing unit reconstructing the program code execution of the processing unit from the trace streams'
4. Claim 5. 'The method as recited in claim 4 further including:' should be 'The method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:'
5. Claim 7. 'a FIFO unit, the storage unit transferring the stored signals to the FIFO unit in the form of a program code flush sync marker' should be 'a FIFO unit, the

storage unit transferring the stored signals to the FIFO unit in the form of an interrupt service routine code flush sync marker'

6. Claim 8. 'the interrupt service routine code flush marker' should be 'the interrupt service routine code flush sync marker'

7. Claim 10. 'the interrupt service routine flush signal' should be 'the interrupt service routine code flush signal'

Reasons for Allowance

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of claims 1-3 is the inclusion of the limitations: 'wherein the program counter trace apparatus is responsive to an interrupt service routine code flush signal, the program counter trace apparatus generating a sync marker signal group identifying the occurrence of the interrupt service routine code flush signal and relating the interrupt service routine code flush signal to the timing trace stream and to the program code execution'. The primary reason for the allowance of claims 4-5 is the inclusion of the following limitations: 'in the program counter trace stream, including an interrupt service routine code flush sync marker signal group indicating an occurrence of an interrupt service routine code flush signal and relating the occurrence to the data trace stream and to the timing trace stream'.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 6 is the inclusion of the limitations 'an indicia of the relationship of the occurrence of the interrupt service routine code flush signal to the target processor clock; and an indicia of the relationship of the occurrence of the interrupt service routine code flush signal to the target processor program

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execution'. The primary reason for the allowance of claims 7-11 is the inclusion of the limitations 'a decoder unit responsive to an interrupt service routine code flush signal for storing an indicia of an interrupt service routine code flush signal in the storage unit, the decoder unit generating a control signal'; and a FIFO unit, the storage unit transferring the stored signals to the FIFO unit in the form of a interrupt service routine code flush sync marker'.

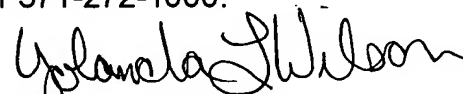
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yolanda L. Wilson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3653. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571) 272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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